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ENGLISH ELECTIONS

Quieter and with less noise and hubbub than ever before the English elections have passed off and the Lloyd George combination ministry has been overwhelmingly sustained, and the premier's supporters returned by large majorities. English conservatism and good sense once more vindicated themselves. England was disorganized and at sea when the master hand of Lloyd George took hold of the helm of state, and in a short while the old ship righted herself and began making her way through the angry waves. For a time the work cut out for him was apparently more than any one man could do. The Germans seemed irresistible, and the allies were discouraged. Sabotage prevailed in England, and the first thing the new chief undertook was the task of bringing order into the ranks of labor, so that the production of war material might be speeded up. He did not spare himself. He went forward and delivered addresses to the working people, who were sullen and disposed to shirk. He talked plainly to them, and made of them his friends. His cabinet was so constructed as to include all important forces, and while he displaced many prominent and influential statesmen, who resented being deprived of power and place, he was forceful enough and subtle enough to overcome all opposition to his plans. Hereditary rule and rulers turned fiercely upon him. He was looked upon as an upstart and an interloper who had no business with so much power and prominence. Ancient privilege felt the weight of his hand, and an effort was made by powerful interests to destroy him. It was a battle royal while it lasted, and when the contest was removed from parliament and the newspapers, and submitted to the electorate, Lloyd George's enemies thought they would surely work his undoing.

He never faltered or lost hope or courage. He knew the people and made no mistake in his calculations. He felt sure of himself. He had done all that man could do, and he had rescued his country and her allies from a serious predicament. The people knew this and rallied to his support.

His enemies were whipped before the fight commenced. After all their boasting, many of the elections were permitted to go by default because the opposition could not find men foolishly enough to oppose the Lloyd George adherents.

Those who know of British elections chiefly through the "Pickwick Papers" will have difficulty in realizing a campaign without speeches and bitterness and fanfare. The late election passed off like a Quaker meeting. The people had made up their minds, and there was no changing them, and while they displayed no boisterous enthusiasm, they possessed a quiet determination to support the little Welsh lawyer who had piloted them through such a stormy period and into a haven of security and victory. The allied countries were willing to trust England under any leadership; but they rejoiced in the triumph of Lloyd George, who had worked in such harmony with them, and who had been such a powerful factor in winning the war.

RUSSIA

What is going on in Russia? No news comes from that distracted country, and what is being done is kept a secret. The Bolshevik is the only government there is, and its control is not complete. It is in bad odor because it was for a time the tool of the Germans. The soviets may have acted badly, but as they represent all that there is of republican government in the country, it might be well for us to go slow in destroying them, because we may be playing into the hands of the ancient despotism, that now and then shows signs of life. The snake is scotched, but not killed. Before it is all over the allies may have to go in and set up a government for the people, and put them on their feet.

The influential races in that country have no constructive political genius, and they must look for help outside of themselves, as they always have done. The numerous millions of people in that country are anxious to have a stable, liberal government, and they would erect one for themselves if they knew how. Unfortunately they do not, and they must wait and content themselves with whatever the fates send them.

The members of the Shelby county delegation to the next legislature are doing well to have an understanding with each other. Better thrash out all differences at home, if any exist.

Those who have not completed their Christmas shopping should do so at once. The merchants have the goods, and the clerks have the time to wait on customers.

One after another German city is being occupied by American troops. The objective ought to be Berlin, and the troops seem to be going on to Berlin.

The Young Men's Democratic League of New York is going to find jobs for the returned fighters. Are they on the eve of another election in Manhattan?

Plenty of wild turkeys across the river in Arkansas, but they cannot be shipped to Memphis. The law is keeping them for the bobcats.

The great guns roaring a welcome to President Wilson may be disturbing to him, but not so much so as if they were roaring at him.

Volapuk, which is based on Germanic root words, will not soon become a universal language. Esperanto has the field all to itself.

The Spartacus group in Berlin has the habit of getting a lot of themselves killed every time they create disorder.

When the great conference completes its labors we will then know how erroneous were our surmises and predictions.

Among the cherished memories is the hotel on the American plan. Will it come back when things settle down?

If the allies will send us the ships we will send them the cotton. They have them. We have it.

No one will envy the ex-kaiser all the joy he can find this Christmas.

ARRIVES AT OFFICE HALF HOUR LATE



PHONES HIS PET HE HAS ARRIVED SAFELY



AT ELEVEN PHONES HER THAT HER ANDY IS WORKING HARD FOR HER SAKE



AT ONE PHONES HER THAT HER LITTLE ANDREW IS COUNTING THE HOURS



-AT TWO TELLS HER HE IS JUST DYING TO SEE HER.



-AT THREE HE IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT HER HEALTH AND EVERYTHING



-AT FOUR HE SAYS "JUST THINK YOUR ANDY WILL BE WITH HIS PET SOON"



-AT FIVE OF FIVE BEATS IT



DOROTHY DIX'S TALK

BY DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.

DON'T BE ANTAGONISTIC.

One of the greatest mistakes that any human being can make is to adopt an antagonistic attitude toward life.

There are people who pride themselves on never being "one of the mob," as they express it. They never agree with anybody on any subject. To suggest a plan to them is to have them combat it. To arouse an enthusiasm in their presence is to have them ridicule it. To express an opinion is to have them dissent from it. To introduce any topic into a conversation when they are present is as good as a heated argument as a nickel is for a ginger cake.

These misguided individuals think that by taking the opposite point of view from that held by those with whom they are associated they show how extremely clever and original they are. They like to shock people, and they take a fiendish delight in trampling rough about over the pet prejudices and faiths of others.

They scoff at religion in the presence of the devout. They revile their country to the patriotic. Let a foreigner be in the company, and they recall every unpleasant episode in the history of his nation. Speak of some statesman you revere, and they tear his reputation to shreds. Mention your favorite author and they deride his writings.

Some of these people are sincere. They are sincere in their dislike of the world as they see it. They are sincere in their desire to see it better. They are sincere in their desire to see it more just. They are sincere in their desire to see it more free. They are sincere in their desire to see it more happy.

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On the Spur of the Moment

by Roy K. Moulton.

Gehenna is in the balance. The great test of the ages has come. We have often heard it advertised from the sectarian pulpit. Now it has got to make good. If it never did before, we have a serious mission for it to perform. And we hope it will live up to its press notices. And we are depending upon it. And it must rise to the occasion. Somebody is going there soon. By unanimous consent.

By the armistice terms, the allies take practically everything from the Germans except their paper trousers.

It was a Tokela boy who wrote home from France that there must have been ladies present when Gen. Sherman gave his weak definition of war.

And this is the time of year when a man who cranks his own car warms up more quickly than the engine does.

"M. P." or a soldier's sleeve means Military Police, not Mother's Pet. If you don't believe it, start something.

Every revolution seems more ladylike than the last one. The people have learned that they can abdicate without shooting up the place.

Mustaches will turn downward instead of upward. Shining swords, crowns and scepters will be checked in the ante-room. Nobody will be allowed more than one helping of captured colonies. Anybody climbing on the table to grab the gravy will be sent to bed.

The orchestra will not play "The Watch 'em Rhine." There will be no cabaret and the sultan of Turkey will not be allowed to dance the hoochie.

They shall meet, but they shall miss him. Ferdinand the Botanist will not be there.

Lenine and Trotsky will have to wait until the second table. The management will not be responsible for hats, umbrellas or overcoats belonging to Germans.

One of the annoyances of peace will be that Uncle Henry will stop his war work and start a quantity production of flippers again.

"Another good cure for tonsillitis," says John, our elevator man, "is a nice, soft sleeve wrapped around your neck, with a woman's arm in it."

Now prunes will have to advance "on account of the peace."

Did not know that in the wilderness, in the land of great drought—Hosea xiii, 5.

He says: "I have manifested myself to thee from the land of Egypt, from thy very nativity. Thou didst then begin to live, and to be some sort of people, when I stretch forth My hand to thee." The people were redeemed on this condition that they should devote themselves wholly to God. As we are at this day Christ's, and no one of us ought to live according to his own will, for Christ died and rose again for this end, that He might be the Lord of the living, and of the dead; so also then, the Israelites had been redeemed by God, that they might offer themselves wholly to Him. If this one God was sufficient for redeeming His people, what do the people now mean when they wander and seek aid here and there? For they ought to render to God the life received from Him, which they now enjoy, and ought to acknowledge it to be sufficiently safe under His sole protection. We learn

Heavenly Father, make me like Him who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that many, through His poverty, might be made rich. Help me to deny myself, so as to give joy and comfort to those less favored than I am; and may I learn how much more blessed it is to give than to receive.—B. F. Meyer.

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Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

(REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)

BY K.C.B.

BECAUSE MY boss said, I COULD go to France. I STARTED running around. IN LITTLE circles. LOOKING FOR someone. WHO COULD tell me. WHAT I could do. TO GET to France. AND A man said. ALL I had to do. WAS GET a passport. AND BUY my ticket. AND GET on the boat. AND STAY there. TILL IT got to France. AND IT looked easy. AND I went to the man. WHO LOOKS after the passports. AND TOLD him. WHAT I wanted to do. AND HE said all right. AND ALL I needed. TO GET the passport. WAS A birth certificate. AND THEN I told him. I WAS born in Canada. AND HE said that was all right. BUT I'D have to have. MY CITIZEN'S papers. AND I thanked him. AND HURRIED away. TO GET what he wanted. AND IN the street car. IT CAME to me. THAT WHERE I was born. THERE WAS nobody there. WHO EVER heard of me. THEY WERE all dead. AND THE more I thought. THE MORE I realized. THAT IN the whole world. THERE WASN'T anybody. WHO HAD been around. ON THE night it happened. AND THERE WASN'T any record.

OR ANYTHING. AND THEN I remembered. I HAD an uncle. WHO MIGHT know. AND I wired him. AND HE answered. "WIRE AT ONCE. 'WHERE YOU were born. 'AND WIRE.'"

AND I did. AND THREE days later. I RECEIVED a letter. AND WITH it. THERE WAS a statement. OF MY birth. AND IT'S all right. AND MY uncle knows. BECAUSE I told him. AND NOW. ALL I'VE got to do. IS TO GET to France. IS TO wait around. WHILE THE county clerk. OUT IN Seattle. SEARCHES HIS records. FOR MY name. BECAUSE I can't remember. WHEN I was naturalized. AND I'VE lost my papers. AND, ANYWAY. IT'S AWFUL, rough on the sea. AND I think I'll wait.

I THANK you.

News of Memphis 28 Years Ago. Twice Told Tales. News of Memphis 10 Years Ago.

DECEMBER 16, 1893. Ground will be broken within two weeks for the big car works on the Bingham tract.

J. L. Stuber and family, of Holly Springs, Miss., are visiting Col. and Mrs. T. O. Crenshaw, of Mississippi avenue.

Chancellor Capril, of Germany, is again under fire for his stand against the people.

Mrs. L. M. Good and children, Lawrence and Kate, are en route home after a month spent with relatives in New York.

Deputy Muliere, of the French chamber, declared that the opinions of Germany toward the German people were oppressive toward France.

Miss Louise Wilbur and Claude Yerger were married yesterday at the Grace church rectory.

Cards were out announcing the marriage of Miss Anna May McConnell and Frank E. Walters, the ceremony being performed on Dec. 1.

DECEMBER 16, 1908. Civil war is threatened in Venezuela since the government permits Dutch vessels to seize merchant ships off the coast.

It is rumored that King Manuel II. of Portugal will soon wed Princess Patricia, daughter of the English duke of Connaught.

The first line of taxicabs will be installed in Memphis in a few days. "Tony the Bootblack" is at the Bijou this week. "The Jilt" is at the Jefferson.

Nicholas V. Muraviev, Russian ambassador to Rome and arbiter at The Hague in 1907, is dead.

The National Drainage association will meet in Memphis early next spring, with N. B. Broward as president.

President Roosevelt branded as wrong the accusations that a dishonest deal was transacted when the Panama canal was purchased.

that the worship of God does not consist in words, but in faith and hope and prayer.—C. F. Edwards.

Sometimes it seems a marvel how we can ever smile again, so often life seems to shrivel into a failure and a nothingness.—F. W. B.

There is one distinct rule that we can lay down for ourselves, and that is, to do the good that lies before us, and to leave the evil which is beyond our control to take care of itself. In this world the tares and the wheat grow together, and all we have to do is to sow the wheat.—Wells Springs, Dayton, Ohio.

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